

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

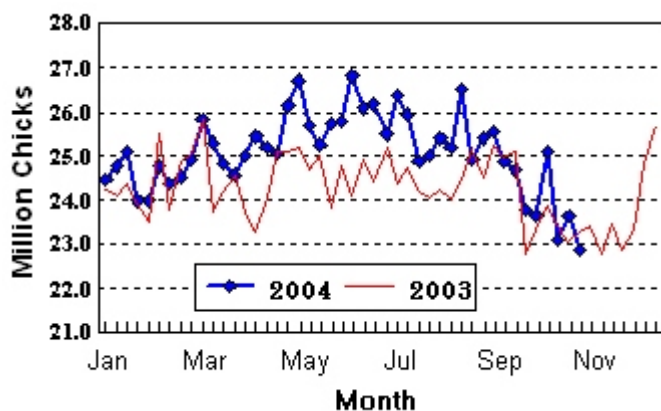
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 22.9 million during the week ending November 6, 2004. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2003, and down 3 percent from the previous week, and included 2.2 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through November 6, 2004 were 1.13 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 23.9 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 3 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.9 percent.

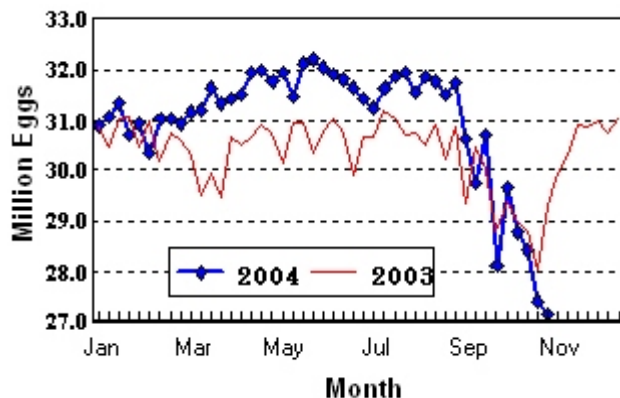
Arkansas hatcheries set 27.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending November 6, 2004, down 7 percent from the same period last year, and down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Oct. 2	22,798	23,806	104	24,220	25,457	105	28,806	28,103	98
Oct. 9	23,333	23,656	101	25,229	24,524	97	29,386	29,684	101
Oct. 16	23,886	25,114	105	24,796	25,353	102	28,989	28,802	99
Oct. 23	23,387	23,138	99	23,882	23,259	97	28,783	28,453	99
Oct. 30	23,060	23,670	103	24,292	24,573	101	28,042	27,423	98
Nov. 6	23,263	22,860	98	24,131	23,869	99	29,304	27,142	93

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



# **BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	16-Oct	23-Oct	30-Oct	06-Nov		02-Oct	09-Oct	16-Oct	23-Oct	30-Oct	06-Nov	
Alabama	27,644 *	27,335	27,822	28,200	99	21,029	19,976	20,494	20,948	20,203	20,375	103
ARKANSAS	28,802 *	28,453	27,423	27,142	93	23,806	23,656	25,114	23,138	23,670	22,860	98
Delaware	3,563	3,366	3,500	3,809	98	4,093	4,644	5,062	4,631	5,463	5,694	118
Florida	1,359 *	1,346	1,345	1,355	100	1,421	1,555	1,538	1,512	1,563	1,495	98
Georgia	30,891 *	31,182	31,686 *	30,586	97	25,480 *	26,100 *	23,611 *	25,816 *	26,515 *	24,702	104
Kentucky	5,839	5,838	7,010	6,728	103	5,454	5,574	5,721	5,653 *	5,947 *	5,064	105
Louisiana	3,598 *	3,573 *	3,983 *	3,982	103	3,351 *	3,655	3,659	3,410 *	3,578 *	3,418	90
Maryland	8,118	7,967	8,547	8,504	96	5,695	4,567	5,605	6,000	4,728	4,244	95
Mississippi	18,761 *	17,826	17,752	18,722	106	16,076	15,656	16,101 *	16,306	16,567	16,207	114
N. Carolina	16,783 *	17,476	17,604	17,058	95	13,605	13,669	14,410	13,830	13,216	13,802	104
Oklahoma	6,635 *	5,922	5,698	6,255	106	5,016	4,304	4,805	3,779	4,813	5,460	106
Pennsylvania	3,769	3,588	3,901 *	3,890	108	2,661	2,434	2,573	2,794	2,784 *	2,581	112
S. Carolina	4,411 *	4,583	4,415	4,387	107	4,330	4,537	4,435	3,951	4,538	4,359	134
Texas	13,827 *	13,042 *	14,480 *	14,795	100	12,374 *	11,102 *	12,594 *	12,010 *	12,356 *	11,513	108
Virginia	6,091	6,573	5,987	6,274	103	5,458	4,820	4,794	4,699	5,103	4,909	95
CA,MO,TN,WV	16,145 *	16,261 *	16,756 *	17,545	101	16,949	15,014	14,288 *	16,630 *	15,665 *	15,401	116
Total 2004	196,236 *	194,331 *	197,909 *	199,232		166,798 *	161,263 *	164,804 *	165,107 *	166,709 *	162,084	
Total 2003	187,583	190,088	192,346	201,076		158,932	157,612	160,266	159,007	160,094	153,618	
%Prev. Year	105	102	103	99		105	102	103	104	104	106	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						20-Nov	27-Nov	04-Dec	11-Dec	18-Dec	25-Dec	

\* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

## **EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 199 million eggs during the week ending November 6, 2004. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 6 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 6, 2004. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through November 6, 2004 were 7.71 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.